

AMERICAN OUTLOOK

2 Weeks

1 - 12 December

Objectives

1. To reacquaint the student with the basic elements of U. S. strength and vulnerability.
2. To give the student a general orientation to the U. S. situation, objectives and problems in three key world regions, representing different degrees of commitment: Western Europe, the Near East, and Southeast Asia.
3. To familiarize the student with the broad outlines of the decision-making processes, the participants, limitations and checks, through which the U. S. responds to world challenges, opportunities, and dangers.
4. To enable the student to see his own career in specific relationship to the problems and potentials of the U. S. as a world power.

Scope

This block of instruction will be divided into two sections, the American Heritage and the United States in the world today. The course will follow three themes: (1) consideration of traditional American concepts of the individual, society, Government, and their expression in the American political, economic, and social system, (2) strengths and weaknesses of that system in meeting the threat of international communism, and (3) study of the elements of national power within the United States and the employment of these elements in three major regions of the world.